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IN THE MATTER OF

BRIAN FRONIMOS

FAA DOCKET NO. CP09EA0006 (Civil Penalty Action)

DMS No. FAA-2009-0031

PROCEDURAL ORDER

In order to expedite the hearing in this matter,¹ the parties shall comply with the Procedural Schedule set forth hereinbelow.² The Rules of Practice for this proceeding are set forth in 14 C.F.R. Part 13, Subpart G, of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Under FAA Order 2150.3A and the Rules governing these proceedings, the Agency attorney and the Respondent should continue to consider the possibility of settlement and compromise of this matter.³ Compromise may be effected with or without a finding of violation (14 C.F.R. §13.16 (n) (1)).

NOTE: This presiding Judge does not require "Discovery" to be served on the Judge. Other Judges have different policies, but as long as this case is assigned to the undersigned presiding Judge the parties may, but are not required, serve discovery on the undersigned.

WHEREFORE, the parties be and are hereby ORDERED to adhere to the following procedural schedule:

1. Venue shall be Boise, ID.;

¹ 14 C.F.R. § 13.221 states: "The administrative law judge shall give each party at least 60 days notice of the date, time and location of the hearing."

² Further amendments of the pleadings will not be anticipated absent good cause shown. While 14 C.F.R. § 13.214(b)(1) permits amendments at any time more than 15 days before a hearing, utilization of that provision would prevent orderly preparation for a hearing and could prevent any hearing at all, since notice of a hearing must be given 60 days in advance. 14 C.F.R. § 13.221(a). An amendment which might be filed 15 days prior to the hearing would entitle the other party up to 20 days in which to reply (14 C.F.R. § 13.214(c)), and could generate a new round of schedules (14 C.F.R. § 13.217), motions (14 C.F.R. § 13.218), and discovery (14 C.F.R. § 13.220), necessitating a postponement of the hearing, a new 60-day notice, et cetera ad infinitum.

³ See Linda Joyce Goodman, FAA Docket No. CP89WP0061, Order dated May 30, 1989.

- 2. On or before fifty-five (55) days *after* the date of service of this Order the parties shall conclude all discovery including, but not limited to, depositions, document production, responses to production requests and/or interrogatories. If the parties cannot resolve a discovery dispute they shall submit the dispute to the undersigned for resolution in a timely manner;
- 3. On or before ten (10) days <u>prior</u> to the hearing the parties shall file any stipulations;
- 4. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE PARTIES SHALL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT THESE CASES AT A HEARING ON THE MERITS ON OR AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER⁴, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COURTROOM FACILITIES.
- 5. The parties will have the opportunity to file Post-Hearing briefs and arguments pursuant to a schedule to be determined at the hearing. For guidance, the following schedule is typically used: Complainant shall file its brief fifteen (15) days after receipt of the transcript; Respondent shall its brief fifteen (15) days thereafter; and any rebuttal brief by the Complainant shall be filed seven (7) days thereafter.
- 6. SETTLED CASES WILL <u>NOT</u> BE REMOVED FROM THE HEARING DOCKET UNTIL THE PROPER WRITTEN PLEADING(S), CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE RULES,⁵ IS <u>RECEIVED</u> BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.⁶
- 7. THE PARTIES ARE ADVISED THAT SUBMISSIONS SENT TO THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF HEARINGS, MAY BE DELAYED

⁴ 14 C.F.R. § 13.221 states: "The administrative law judge shall give each party at least 60 days notice of the date, time and location of the hearing."

⁵ 14 C.F.R. § 13.215 states: At any time before or during a hearing, an agency attorney may withdraw a complaint or party may withdraw a request for a hearing without the consent of the administrative law judge. If an agency attorney withdraws the complaint or a party withdraws the request for a hearing and the answer, the administrative law judge shall dismiss the proceedings under this subpart with prejudice.

⁶ See: In the Matter of Lewis Drake & Associates, FAA Docket No. CP03SO0045, DMS. No. FAA-2003-16379, "Order Terminating Proceeding", served February 26, 2005; citing Kerry James Eldridge, FAA Docket CP89GL0458, "Order Canceling Hearing and Terminating Proceeding", served January 16, 1991, at 1; In The Matter of Robert Harris FAA Docket No. CP03EA0001. DMS No. FAA-2002-14236., Orders dated October 18, 2004 and October 27, 2004. USAIR, Inc., FAA Docket CP90NE0359, Trans World Airlines, Inc., FAA Dockets CP90GL0085, CP90CE0110, CP90CE0114, CP90CE0134, Order of Administrative Law Judge Burton S. Kolko, served April 8, 1992, p. 2. See "Order Dismissing Complainant's Appeal". In The Matter of Robert Harris, FAA Docket No. CP03EA0001. DMS No. FAA-2005-14, August 15, 2005.

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Richard C. Goodwin

U.S. Administrative Law Judge

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